

## A Message From Brother Chad

Let's start by talking about next steps on our building. This is the week when our VisionBridge architects and consultants have set a deadline for the three contractors who are providing a preliminary bid for the construction drawings. The property committee is going to have a meeting with the consultants after they have had a few days to review the proposals. The property committee at that point will have the information necessary to bring a recommendation to you, the congregation. This has been an incredibly long and difficult process for our dedicated committee members. They have looked at the problem of our aging facility for quite some time and they are going to bring to you a recommendation that represents the best work of their time and exceeding talent. Let's commit to praying for them and the decisions we will be making as we press forward in this God-sized task. Stay tuned for a meeting where this will be discussed. I anticipate that things will begin to move quickly from this point forward.

I'm fired up about these Holidays. Sunday's Hanging of the Green service was so wonderful. I teared up as we were singing "When I Survey" as I saw Chayla helping the children decorate the tree with the poinsettia leaves, which represented for us the shed blood of our Savior. The message seemed well received and I hope you are preparing your heart every day for the Lord to rule the "whole house."

The sanctuary being decorated always puts me in a great mood. I've been happy to see these holidays approaching. Having another baby means getting to experience the wonder of the holidays in that fresh way that the little ones provide. We're also having fun buying that baby just about anything she wants! It was also so great to have Adelaide back home for Thanksgiving. It was the first time she had been home for several days since heading off to Texas A&M. I can't wait for her to come back after finals for a month! We miss her, but she's thriving down there in College Station. She has joined the choir at FBC Bryan. She wears a robe on Sunday mornings and her favorite night of the week is choir practice night. Several of the church ladies there have taken her under their wings and that gives us great comfort.

Remember, we will be having the "**Christmas at the Parsonage**" open house from 5-7pm on **December 15**. We are thankful for the beautiful and well-maintained house we live in that is owned by the church. We love to open the house to the church so you can see your house (and make sure we aren't tearing it up). Over the last several years generous designated gifts were made for the purpose of remodeling the house. We want you to see the work that has been done. Melissa always does such a great job of decorating the house for Christmas. Please join us that evening for fellowship and refreshments.

On **December 17** we will have our annual **Christmas fellowship Meal**. The church provides the meat and sides and deserts will be assigned to different members. We will feast and fellowship! Look for opportunities to sign up to help with the meal. Also, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, after the meal, we will **hand out costumes for the Christmas Pageant**. The pageant is for ages 4years old-6<sup>th</sup> grade. We've learned to be very strict on the age-limits. This is a hard rule the pastor has made. Those younger than 4 must wait till they are older. Those older than 6 grade can sing in the choir. No exceptions. It causes too much trouble. You can grab a costume for a grandchild that will be here for the pageant. All are welcome to participate. The costumes will need to be steamed or ironed before the pageant.

The **Christmas Pageant** will take place during our **Morning Worship on December 24**, Christmas Eve. We will have Sunday School that morning for all ages, but we will have Pageant Rehearsal during Sunday School hour for the 4year old- 6<sup>th</sup> Graders participating in the program. There is nothing quite as sweet as our small-town traditional Christmas Pageant. Make sure you are here for that special service. Then that evening, we will have our **Candlelight Service**. This is a highlight of the Christmas Season for many families. Get there early to make sure you get a good seat

Finally, thank you for your generosity this year. We are on track to make and exceed our budget. I would love for this to be our greatest year of giving yet. Let's dig deep and get there. I love you! See you Sunday.

Chad

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING  
SUPPORTS MISSIONARY PRESENCE.

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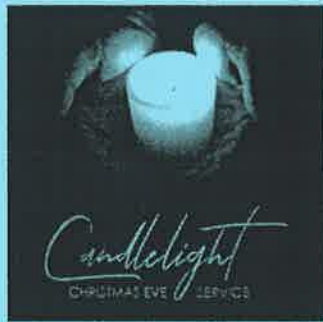
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You are invited to  
 "Christmas at the Parsonage"  
 in the home of Chad & Melissa  
 Friday, December 15 5-7 pm  
 1115 W. Howard Street



Sunday, December 24 @ 5pm

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Feel free to call the deacon of the week if you need something.

December 10—16

Gunter Rodriguez 903-875-9555

December 17—23

David Sandlin 940-704-5036

December 24—30

Jason Powers 806-418-3780



**DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

December 10

Deacons' Meeting—8:00 am  
 Grace Care Worship - 3:30 pm

December 14

Adult 3 Couples (Little's class) Party  
 @ 6:30 pm FBC Fellowship Hall

December 15

Open House at the Parsonage 5-7 pm

December 17

Lord's Supper - 10:45 am  
 All-Church Christmas Luncheon - Noon  
 Church Business Mtg. & Budget Vote  
 Children will get their pageant costumes

December 22, 25 & 26

Office will be closed for Christmas

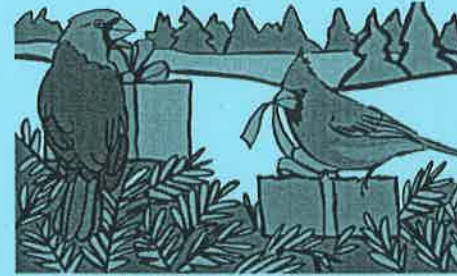
December 24

Children's Christ Pageant - 10:45 am  
 Candlelight Service - 5:00 pm

December 31

Grace Care Worship - 3:30

*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*  
*Church Goal: \$10,000*  
*Given: \$245*



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- December 9 Nedra Belew  
 Zoey Hamby  
 Chloe McPhie  
 Kimberly Wolfe
- December 10 Lynn Jackson  
 Lila McCutcheon
- December 12 Yevonne Perry
- December 13 Ronnie Cowart
- December 14 Mari Behrens
- December 15 Kami Bednarz  
 Becky Brewer
- December 16 Angela Britt  
 Newt Koemel
- December 18 Lyndsey Miller  
 Lana McQuerry
- December 19 Shelby Krajca  
 Gunn Miller  
 Margaret Rogers
- December 20 Jessica Holt  
 Archer Miller
- December 21 David Armenta  
 Renae Dillard -Fields  
 Jan Myers  
 Zack Schrader

Note: The next newsletter will be mailed out on December 20, 2023.

**Weekly Reports**

Sunday, November 26, 2023  
 Bible Study: 147  
 Morning Worship: 217

Budget Weekly Needs	\$12,432.00
Budget Receipts	\$8,507.57
Designated Receipts	
Shoeboxes	670.00
Lottie Moon	225.00
Poinsettias	225.00
Radio Ministry	100.00
Building Fund	140.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$9,867.57</b>

Budget Needs to Date: \$596,736.00  
 Budget Receipts to Date: \$618,649.61

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Sunday, December 3, 2023  
 Bible Study: 171  
 Morning Worship: 253

Budget Receipts	\$12,762.46
Designated Receipts	
Shoeboxes	40.00
Lottie Moon	1,725.00
Poinsettias	350.00
Radio Ministry	125.00
Gospel Meal	20.00
TeamKid Mission Off.	100.00
Don/Kay Berry Scholar.	100.00
Bus Ministry	25.00
Building Fund	400.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$15,647.46</b>

Budget Needs to Date: \$609,168.00  
 Budget Receipts to Date: \$631,412.07

**Ushers & Greeters**

**December 10** - Brad Simmons, ch., Brian Hampton, Randy Behrens, Casey Pulliam, Trampas Patton, Kade Betts, Michael Blevins

**December 17**—Ron Rogers, ch., Matt Searcey, Jodee Wales, Rocky Hickam, Jimmy Mayers, Jason Powers

**Nursery Volunteers**

**Extended Session December 10**

Babies—Lana & Bob McQuerry  
Toddlers—Julie & Luke Lane  
3's— Kenley & Marlee Lane

**Extended Session on December 17**

Babies— Debra Vanarsdall & Judy Mankins  
Toddlers— Mari & Richard Behrens  
3's—Kaylah & Brian Hampton

**Children's Church**

**December 10** - Crystal Simmons & Jan Simmons

**December 17**—Russell & Molly Milmo

**Sunday Morning Scripture**

**December 10**— Steve Stephens

**December 17**— Anna Rogers

**Sunday Youtube Mix**

**December 10**— Jodee Wales

**December 17**—Obelea Rue

**Food Pantry Sackers**

**December 9 or 10**—Gena Barrington, Todd & Randa Betts & Oscar & Sandra Garcia

**December 16 or 17**—Kevin & Sonja Gray, Freddie & Judy Hammond, Becky Brewer

**Food Pantry Distribution**

**December 11**—Laura Dillard, Gabe Simmons, Steve Stephens

**December 18**— Terri & Jessica Hayter, Doug McCutcheon

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Children's Church Coordinator



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# THE LIGHT

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"To Grow in our relationship with Jesus, to Serve Him together and to Share His unconditional love with others." -Mission Statement

**December 6, 2023**



### Christmas Lunch

All-Church Christmas Meal  
Sunday, December 17 at Noon  
Church will provide the meat, green beans & rolls.  
You can call the church office to sign up  
to bring a side dish.

**Church business meeting & budget  
vote will follow the meal.**



### Children's Pageant

Sunday, December 24  
10:45 a.m. service

Children's costumes will be  
passed out on Sunday, Dec. 17th.